

**House File 426 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act requiring community colleges and state board of regents  
2 universities to waive tuition and mandatory fee charges for  
3 the children of peace officers, police officers, and fire  
4 fighters killed or totally and permanently incapacitated in  
5 the line of duty.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 260C.14, Code 2011, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 23. Adopt rules to waive tuition and  
4 mandatory fee charges for any student in good standing who is  
5 a resident of Iowa; is under the age of twenty-six, or under  
6 the age of thirty if the student is a qualified veteran as  
7 defined in subsection 14; is not a convicted felon as defined  
8 in section 910.15; and meets the following criteria:

9 a. Is the child of a peace officer, as defined in section  
10 97A.1, who receives benefits under section 97A.6, subsection  
11 5, or was killed in the line of duty as determined by the  
12 board of trustees of the Iowa department of public safety  
13 peace officers' retirement, accident, and disability system in  
14 accordance with section 97A.6, subsection 16.

15 b. Is the child of a police officer or a fire fighter, as  
16 defined in section 411.1, who receives benefits under section  
17 411.6, subsection 5, or was killed in the line of duty as  
18 determined by the statewide fire and police retirement system  
19 in accordance with section 411.6, subsection 15.

20 Sec. 2. Section 262.9, Code 2011, is amended by adding the  
21 following new subsection:

22 NEW SUBSECTION. 36. Adopt rules that require the  
23 institutions of higher education under its control to waive  
24 tuition and mandatory fee charges for any undergraduate student  
25 in good standing who is a resident of Iowa; is under the age  
26 of twenty-six, or under the age of thirty if the student is  
27 a qualified veteran as defined in subsection 17; is not a  
28 convicted felon as defined in section 910.15; and meets the  
29 following criteria:

30 a. Is the child of a peace officer, as defined in section  
31 97A.1, who receives benefits under section 97A.6, subsection  
32 5, or was killed in the line of duty as determined by the  
33 board of trustees of the Iowa department of public safety  
34 peace officers' retirement, accident, and disability system in  
35 accordance with section 97A.6, subsection 16.

1     *b.* Is the child of a police officer or a fire fighter, as  
2 defined in section 411.1, who receives benefits under section  
3 411.6, subsection 5, or was killed in the line of duty as  
4 determined by the statewide fire and police retirement system  
5 in accordance with section 411.6, subsection 15.

6     Sec. 3. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT. Section 25B.2, subsection  
7 3, shall not apply to this Act.

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EXPLANATION

9     This bill directs the community colleges and regents  
10 universities to waive tuition and mandatory fee charges for  
11 any undergraduate student in good standing who is a resident  
12 of Iowa; is under the age of 26, or 30 if the student is a  
13 veteran who is eligible for or has exhausted federal veterans  
14 educational benefits and has resided in this state for at least  
15 one year or sufficient time to have filed an Iowa tax return in  
16 the preceding 12 months; is not a convicted felon; and is the  
17 child of a peace officer, police officer, or fire fighter who  
18 receives accidental disability benefits or who was killed in  
19 the line of duty.

20     The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code  
21 section 25B.3. The bill makes inapplicable Code section 25B.2,  
22 subsection 3, which would relieve a political subdivision from  
23 complying with a state mandate if funding for the cost of  
24 the state mandate is not provided or specified. Therefore,  
25 political subdivisions are required to comply with any state  
26 mandate included in the bill.